THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (c) Questions pertaining to Prime Minister's National Relief Fund are not admissible under relevant rules of "Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business" in the Rajya Sabha, since the corpus of this Fund if constituted entirely with voluntary public contribution and not from any allocation out of the Consolidated Fund of India and disbursements from the Fund are entirely at the discretion of the Prime Minister.

**Central Aid for Drought Hit Victims**

2049. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Central aid sought, sanctioned and given for relief of drought hit victims and drought relief measures to the State of Gujarat and other State hit by drought this year;

(b) the number of persons, families forced to leave their homes and huts in search of water, food and fodder; and

(c) the number of persons and cattle killed during such transmigration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Details in respect of Gujarat., Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh which experienced severe drought are indicated below:

(Rs. in crore)

| Calamity State | Relief Fund | | National Fund for Calamity Relief Assistance | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 | demanded | released |
| Gujarat | 121.05 | 131.14 | 722.16 | 54.58 |
| Rajasthan | 155.25 | 168.18 | 1144.40 | 102.93 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 107.69 | 77.78 | 720.36 | 75.36 |

(b) and (c) The three State Governments have not reported any migration of persons or cattle due to drought.